

THE WEEK IN STAUNTON.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
STAUNTON, VA., May 7.—A very interesting meeting of Stonehill Camp of Confederate Veterans was held this week. Commander D. F. Wayman presiding. After prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. W. N. Scott, the following gentlemen were elected members to the Camp: J. W. Board, G. M. Thacker, T. D. Woodard, Newton Argenbright, J. H. Trotter and Dr. S. H. Henkel. It was also decided that at the next meeting a Third Lieutenant Commander should be elected to take the place of Comrade Geo. W. Nelms, resigned.

Capt. J. H. Waters, the old war veteran, was nominated for this office. At the close of the regular session, Capt. J. W. McFarland read a most interesting chapter on Cold Harbor of 1862, from Sillies' "Four years under Marso Robert."

"Anne Laurie," a quartette was sweetly sung by Mrs. R. N. Blackford, Miss Anne Walter, Mr. H. G. Dibblee and Mr. F. Boyd. This was greatly enjoyed, and was also the selection "Alice," which was rendered by the same quartette.

The celebration of the 8th anniversary of Cold-Fellows was held by Lewiston Lodge 151, I. O. O. F., this week. A number of veterans joined at the lodge and marched over to Marquis Memorial Church, where services were conducted.

The last military parade, which was held here last week, was so successful that there is now a movement on foot to get up another one.

In the last parade there were five companies, and it another parade is gotten up before the various schools disband for the summer it is likely that three more military schools of this section will join in the parade.

On May 13th the Stonewall Brigade Band will hold a concert. The mere announcement that the Stonewall Band will give a concert is sufficient to insure a packed house. The Band will also give an open air concert to the patients of the Western State Hospital in the near future.

Rowland Lee Ralston and Miss Mary E. Helmick were married Wednesday at Spottwood, this county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Spiller, of this city, have announced the approaching wedding of their daughter, Miss Helene H. Spiller, to Mr. W. B. Miller, of Little Rock, Arkansas, the wedding to take place in this city next month.

The Sunday school children and members of the First Presbyterian Church took up a collection this week, amounting to \$7.10 for the new Congo Boat Fund, to take the place of the boat which was sunk several months ago.

A large gathering of the public splintered gentlemen of the city met Thursday night in the City Court room and formed a society with a view of improving and beautifying the city. The purpose of the society is to seek to encourage the individual to use his efforts and influence to the end that house, home, memorial, public and private grounds and appurtenances be kept and cared for in such a way as to make the city an example of the beautiful.

The terms of enlistment of a number of the non-commissioned officers of the Staunton Rifles having expired, promotions to fill the vacancies were made at the meeting this week. Private Charles Brooks and Private James Timberlake were raised to sergeants, and Privates Howard Porter and J. R. Tucker were made corporals.

Miss Emily Moore entertained a number of friends Wednesday night with a song recital in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. Her accompanist was Miss Mattie Shrock, one of our most gifted pianists. She possesses a mezzo soprano of exceptional timbre, which she uses in a manner pleasing and effective.

A good size audience assembled in the Waynesboro Opera House on Monday to attend the exercises connected with the presentation of a gold medal to Miss Edith Whitlock, granddaughter of the old Veteran, William B. Alexander. The Daughters of the Confederacy awarded this badge to the pupil of the public schools who would present the best essay upon a Confederate subject.

The Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of Staunton have notified the contractors of Staunton of the scale of wages, which reads that on and after May 17, 1904, the scale of wages shall not be less than \$2.00 per day for first grademen; second grademen shall not be less than \$1.50, with one hour off on Saturday when working ten hours per day. They also decided to work with non-union men.

Mrs. Clarence A. Seaton, of Richmond, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Todd.

Mrs. Arista Hoge, wife of the City Treasurer, has returned from a visit to friends in Richmond.

Mrs. Alexander P. Robertson and daughter have returned from a visit of some length in Richmond.

FREDERICK'S HALL.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICK'S HALL, VA., May 7.—Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Terrell, of Frederick's Hall, who were recently married in Richmond, are now visiting the World's Fair City, St. Louis, before returning, will visit Canadian points. They will be at home at "Woodley" after May 15th.

Miss Sadie Harderburgh, who has been visiting her uncle, Dr. W. Carey Barker, in Buchanan county, has returned home after a pleasant sojourn of three weeks.

Mr. C. E. Spicer, who has been employed as telegraph operator for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, has recently accepted a like position with same company at this place.

Mr. J. H. Crank has within the past few days moved his saw mill near Frederick's Hall. A new siding will be put in by the C. & O. Railroad to accommodate this new industry.

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THE WEEK IN NORFOLK.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., May 7.—Miss Fannie Priddy entertained several of her friends Monday evening at her home on College Place. The occasion, which was a card party, was a delightful one. Six-hand euchre was played and the lady's prize, a burned wood plaque, was won by Miss Margaret Pannill, while among the gentlemen, Mr. Frank Hite was most fortunate and received a silver key ring.

Her guests were Misses Margaret Pannill, John Johnston, Miss Martin, Hon. Mitchell, Mary Herbert Bell, Bessie Crosby, Bessie Payne, Kathleen Lessor, Arabella Hite and Ella Farrant, Messrs. Richard Hodges, Frank Hite, Robt. Arnold, Wiley Hodges, Haywood Pender, John Mitchell, Claude Bain, Roland Thorpe, Strong and Spaulding.

Mrs. O. E. D. Barton and Miss Helen Barron left Wednesday for Columbia, O., to attend the golden wedding of Mrs. Barron's parents.

Miss Helen Mallory, of Charlotte, N. C., who has been the guest of Mrs. W. D. Murray, of New York, left Monday for Washington.

Miss Edna Dey left Monday afternoon for Washington to attend the marriage of her cousin, Miss Mabel Corson, to Mr. Robert Blair, which will occur on May 11th.

Mrs. Hill returned this week from a visit of several weeks to relatives in Portsmouth, O.

A very enjoyable supper was given by Mr. Hugh Murray Thursday evening at the Hampton Roads Yacht Club. Covers were laid for ten and his guests were: Mrs. Nimcock, of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Murray, Miss Jessie Jones, of Richmond, Miss Julia Halpin, of New York; Miss Emily Smith, Mr. Percy Jones, Mr. Parrott and Mr. Williams.

Mr. C. A. Neff entertained Miss Jean Trigg, Miss Mary L. Leigh and Mr. George Sargeant at supper Thursday evening at the Hampton Roads Yacht Club.

Mrs. Herbert Drewry entertained a number of her friends Thursday afternoon at her home, at Lambert's Point. The occasion was a card party given in honor of her sister, Miss Purnell, of Raleigh. The first prize, a work box filled with candy, was awarded to Miss Melissa Payne, and the consolation, a bunch of lilacs-of-the-valley, were drawn by Mrs. Charles R. Vance.

Mrs. Drewry's guests were Mrs. Chas. H. Wood, Mrs. E. B. Hodges, Mrs. Haywood White, Mrs. Robert K. Work, Mrs. E. A. Vance, Mrs. C. R. Vance, Mrs. Doughty, Mrs. Frank Anthony Walke, Miss Purnell, Miss Dunn, Miss Taylor, Miss Margaret Old, Miss Melissa Payne and Miss Ruth Wilson.

The regular Saturday afternoon reception was held at the Country Club. The receiving committee was Mrs. J. O. Bitter, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Sams, Mrs. John G. Tilton, Mrs. William Gwathmey, Jr., Mrs. Blanche Smith Camp, Mrs. Geo. Hobson, Miss Belle Truxton, Miss Margaret and Alice Old and Miss Elizabeth Martin.

RADFORD, VA.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RADFORD, VA., May 7.—Capt. John Whaling has returned from the Lynchburg Hospital and is very ill at his home here.

Miss Maude Battle left Monday for her home at Warrenton, N. C., after a visit of several months to Mrs. Elizabeth Adams. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. J. S. Battle, who spent Sunday and Monday in Radford.

Col. J. R. Miller returned Monday from East Florida, where he spent the winter. Mrs. Miller will visit her son, Mr. A. I. Miller, at Middleboro, Kentucky, before returning home.

Dr. Irene Bullard returned Tuesday from a visit of several weeks to relatives in Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. A. J. May, Mr. Fred B. Steele and Mr. St. Clair, of Tazewell, spent several days in town this week.

Bishop Randolph confirmed a class at Grace Church Thursday night.

Miss Julia Bullard has returned from Southern Pines, N. C., where she spent the past few months.

Mr. W. H. Virgie is packing his household goods, preparing to move back to Clarksville, West Virginia. Mr. Virgie is preparing to build, and his family will be board in Radford until their new home is completed.

Mrs. Geo. W. Miles is the guest of Mrs. L. M. Venable this week.

ALEXANDRIA, VA.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA., May 7.—Lieut. Alexander Murray, assistant surgeon United States army, after a short visit to his family in this city, has returned to San Francisco, whence he will shortly sail to the Philippines to join his regiment.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ellifort have returned from their bride tour.

Mr. W. H. Lambert, of this city, is visiting his son, Mr. Arthur W. Lambert, in St. Louis.

Miss R. N. Crook and Miss India Henderson, who have been visiting Mrs. Olive Crook Henderson in Baltimore, have returned to this city.

Chief James Webster, of the police force, is taking his annual leave of absence.

Mrs. S. F. Gregory has gone to Westmoreland county, where she will spend the spring and summer.

Dr. E. A. Giam, who attended the State Council, of Knights of Columbus, at Newport News, has returned.

SOCIETY IN PETERSBURG.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., May 7.—The Wednesday Music Club held its last meeting of this season at the home of Miss Helen Leavenworth, in Market Street. The following programme was rendered:

1. Song—Only in Dreams, De Koven—Miss Helen Leavenworth; 2. La Fienza—Raff—Miss Bessie Venable; 3. The Spring, Glig—Miss Frances Reams; 4. The Magic Fire, Die Walkins—Miss Page Nichols; 5. Introduction to third act of Lohengrin—Mrs. C. D. Witherspoon; 6. Cona-tu le pays, Thomas—Miss M. C. Jackson; 7. Persian Song, Bauermeister—Miss Helen Venable; 8. Sextet from Lucia, arranged for left hand solo, Leschetzky—Miss Mary Patterson; 9. "Good-Night Little Girl, Good-Night," May—Miss Alice Venable.

The guests of the club were: Mrs. Gordon McCabe, Miss Mary McKenny, Miss Downing, of Lynchburg; Miss Parker of Suffolk; Miss Foster, of New York; Mrs. Foster, Preston Poper, Miss Anna Wilson, Mrs. Witherspoon, of Richmond; Miss Thompson, of New York; Miss Knox and Mrs. P. Hamilton.

SALEM SOCIAL.
(By Associated Press.)
SALEM, VA., May 7.—A very enjoyable hop was given Saturday night at Hotel Crawford, by the Roanoke College Cotton Club. Those present were: Dr. E. J. Krantz, with Miss Annie Henderson; Mr. A. H. Ayers, with Miss Lucy Biggs; Mr. Howard Holland, with Miss Bessie Galloway; Mr. Royall Connaday, with Miss Carry Brown; Mr. A. H. Silder, with Miss Mary Harman; Mr. J. A. Greenland, with Miss Anne Henderson; Mr. Fred Rinker, with Miss Jane Johnston; Mr. John Logan, with Miss Annie Langhorne; Mr. J. R. Reese, with Miss Bessie Henderson.

Stags, Mr. J. B. Davis, Mr. George

Logan, Mr. Robert Hubard, Mr. W. B. Tinsley and Mr. Bolling Hubard.

Chaperones, Mesdames Biggs and Sneade.

Saturday afternoon, at the home of Judge Winfield Griffin, a most successful social was given by Dr. H. H. Hise's class in music. The program was an entirely classical one, and was rendered with much taste and artistic skill.

Dr. J. A. Morehead, President of Roanoke College returned home Tuesday, after an absence of two months. He has been traveling in the north, and while in Philadelphia, spoke before the Lutheran Social Union.

Mr. J. W. Moon, of Charlotte, N. C., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. D. Crawford.

Dr. J. M. Harris, after spending several days with Mrs. F. P. Harman, has returned to his home at Floyd Courthouse.

Miss Anne Henderson, of Blacksburg, has been spending the week with her

aunt, Mrs. Thomas Henderson, on Main Street.

Mr. Frank Wiley, who has been living in St. Louis for the past year, has returned to Salem.

Pop Merrick's Simile.
Henry L. Merrick, who until his death was the paragon of the Washington Post, was frequently invited to dinners and receptions in the hope that some of his acerbities might be heard there.

"Pop" Merrick, as he was known to his friends, was no much of a talker. At one reception all conversation turned toward him in the hope that he might, and finally his hostess came to him and said:

"Mr. Merrick, we thought you might say something bright, but you haven't said a word to-night."

"Madam," Merrick replied, haughtily, "your father is a dentist. Does he pull teeth at receptions?"



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ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER 1903, OF THE PHOENIX MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND THE PHOENIX MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Name of the Company in full—PHOENIX MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. Location of home or principal office of said company—HARTFORD, CONN. Character of the business transacted by the company—LIFE INSURANCE. President—J. H. BUNCE. Secretary—WILLIAM A. MOORE. Organized and incorporated—MAY, 1851. Commenced business—MAY, 1851. Name of the General Agent in Virginia—HEN. M. RAWLINGS, 110 North Ninth Street, Richmond, Va.

No.	Amount.
Number of policies and the amount of insurance effected thereby in force at end of previous year.....	42,712 \$70,861,562 00
Number of policies issued during the year and the amount of insurance effected thereby.....	8,254 14,591,393 00
Total.....	50,966 \$85,452,955 00
Number of policies and the amount of insurance which have ceased to be in force during the year.....	4,919 8,665,018 00
Whole number of policies in force, and the amount of liabilities or risks thereon at end of year.....	46,077 \$76,787,937 00

Amount of premiums received.....	\$2,000,450 10
Amount of annuities received..... <td>3,149 75 </td>	3,149 75
Amount of interest received..... <td>723,803 52 </td>	723,803 52
Amount of rents received..... <td>35,842 20 </td>	35,842 20
Amount of all other receipts, viz: Guarantee of mortgage loans..... <td>823 70 </td>	823 70
Profit on sale or maturity of ledger assets..... <td>25,710 25</td>	25,710 25
Total.....	\$5,785,870 00

Amount of losses paid.....	\$1,045,493 17
Amount of matured endowments paid..... <td>141,165 50</td>	141,165 50
Amount paid annuities..... <td>10,047 70</td>	10,047 70
Amount paid for surrenders..... <td>205,887 22</td>	205,887 22
Amount of dividends paid to policyholders..... <td>265,395 32</td>	265,395 32
Amount paid for claims on supplementary contracts not involving insurance..... <td>6,510 67</td>	6,510 67
Amount paid for expenses, including taxes, \$80,000/303; Real estate and insurance taxes..... <td>781,558 73</td>	781,558 73
Amount of notes voided by lapse..... <td>2,111 41</td>	2,111 41
Amount of all other disbursements, viz: Agents' ledger balances charged off..... <td>764 85</td>	764 85
Loss on sale or maturity of ledger assets (including same charged off from cost of real estate)..... <td>11,510 65</td>	11,510 65
Total.....	\$3,515,810 81

Bonds, market value.....	\$3,808,117 00
Stock, market value..... <td>408,954 00</td>	408,954 00
Real estate, unencumbered, book value..... <td>723,197 81</td>	723,197 81
Loans secured by first mortgages on real estate..... <td>9,000 00</td>	9,000 00
Cash in bank, trust companies and company's office..... <td>450,021 37</td>	450,021 37
Loans on company's policies, assigned as collateral..... <td>863,339 00</td>	863,339 00
Premium notes due and accrued..... <td>201,218 85</td>	201,218 85
Unallocated and deferred premiums..... <td>289,686 93</td>	289,686 93
Carried out at market value—Total.....	\$7,011,101 03

Amount of losses unpaid, unadmitted.....	\$5,117 48
Amount of matured endowments unpaid; special policy reserve..... <td>169,812 00</td>	169,812 00
Amount not due yet on installment contracts..... <td>25,139 00</td>	25,139 00
Amount of liability on policies, etc., in force 31st December, 1903..... <td>10,010 50</td>	10,010 50
Amount of other liabilities, payable to policyholders in 1904..... <td>13,162 00</td>	13,162 00
Dividends apportioned, payable to policyholders..... <td>\$10,205,457 48</td>	\$10,205,457 48
Surplus.....	715,704 45
Total.....	\$7,011,101 03

Number and amount of policies in force December 31, 1903.....	233 \$457,100 00
Number and amount of policies issued during the year 1903..... <td>112 197,930 00</td>	112 197,930 00
Total..... <td>345 \$655,030 00</td>	345 \$655,030 00
Deduct number and amount which have ceased to be in force during 1903..... <td>37 65,700 00</td>	37 65,700 00
Total number and amount of policies in force at end of year 1903..... <td>308 \$589,330 00</td>	308 \$589,330 00
Total number and amount of policies in force during the year 1903..... <td>No. \$5,990 00</td>	No. \$5,990 00

BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA DURING THE YEAR.

No.	Amount.
Gross premiums and bills unpaid at close of last year, collected.....	\$1,674,598 19
Gross premiums on risks written and renewed during the year.....	\$8,913,427 28
Total.....	\$10,588,025 47
Deduct gross premiums and bills in course of collection at this date.....	\$36,294 19
Net cash actually received for premiums.....	\$10,551,731 28
Rebates, commissions, etc., on premiums.....	\$877,233 57
Rebates, commissions, etc., on annuities.....	\$877,233 57
Net cash actually received for premiums.....	\$9,674,497 71
Less 1903 premiums collected in 1902.....	\$3,090,503 14
Received for interest on mortgages.....	1,445 00
Received for interest and dividends on stocks and bonds, collateral loans, and from all other sources.....	\$100,041 02
Income received from all other sources—viz: Rents.....	\$3,738 00
Aggregate amount of receipts actually received during the year in cash.....	\$3,270,371 32

(Signed) (Signed) G. W. BURGHELL, Vice-President. N. S. BARTHOLOMEW, Secretary.

Amount of losses and claims on policies paid during the year 1903..... \$ 6,000 00
Amount of assessments, premiums, dues and fees collected or secured in Virginia during the year 1903 in cash and notes or credits, without any deduction for losses, dividends, commissions, or other expenses..... \$17,515 28
(Signed) J. H. BUNCE, President.
(Signed) W. A. MOORE, Secretary.

State of Connecticut, city of Hartford—
Sworn to January 30, 1904, before HARRY B. JOHNSON, Notary Public.

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1903, OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, IN FULL ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA.

President—EDWARD F. HEDDALL.
Secretary—NORBERT S. HEDDALL.
Principal office—43 CEDAR STREET, NEW YORK.
Incorporated—SEPTEMBER 11, 1891.
Commenced business—SEPTEMBER 11, 1891.

CAPITAL.	Amount.
Amount of capital stock subscribed.....	\$500,000 00
Amount of capital stock paid up in cash.....	\$500,000 00

ASSETS.	Amount.
Value of real estate owned by the company.....	\$150,990 25
Loans on mortgage (fully recorded and being the first liens on the fee simple) upon which more than one year's interest is due.....	71,000 00
Interest accrued on all said mortgage loans.....	1,368 95
Value of lands mortgaged, exclusive of buildings and perishable improvements, value of buildings mortgaged (exclusive of improvements) as collateral.....	\$108,500 00

BONDS AND STOCKS OWNED ABSOLUTELY BY THE COMPANY.

Par Value.	Market Value.
New York State Canal Improvement Loan, gold bonds.....	\$ 10,000 00 \$ 10,000 00